



A lizard as a pet?

Nick is very excited because soon there will be a new pet at home. A girlfriend of his sister, Emma, told them about her gecko. And what's that? Nick had never heard about geckos, and he'll be surprised when he sees what kind of animal it is. Emma and Nick have begged their parents to buy them one. Mom and Dad have finally said yes, but they have set out one condition. Emma and Nick must take good care of the pet.



A place to live first

Before the gecko arrives at Nick and Emma's home, they need to prepare the place where it will live. They will need a big terrarium so their pet will have ample room to move around and feel happy. They will also need a lid made of mesh screen so the pet can breathe.



A gecko needs

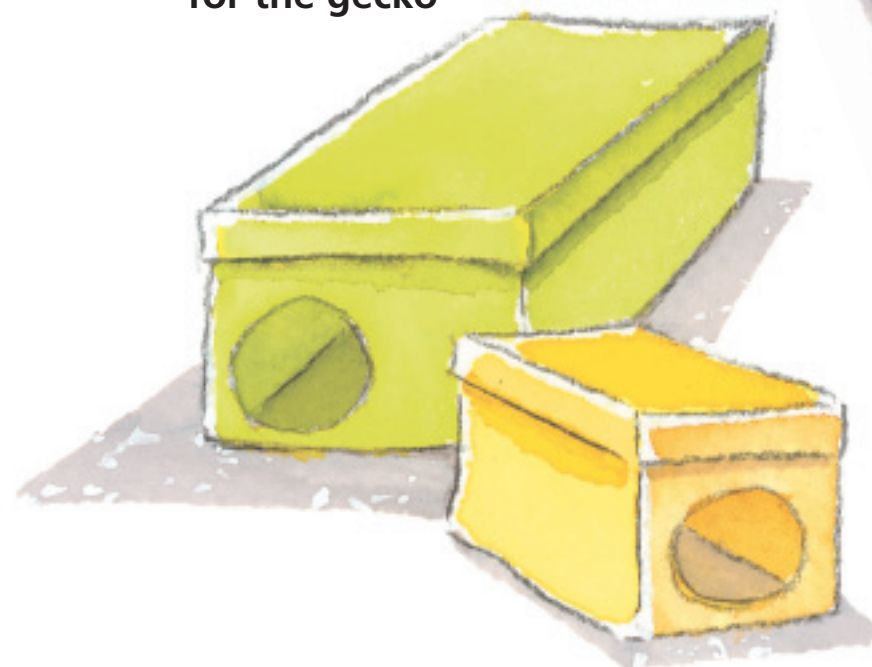
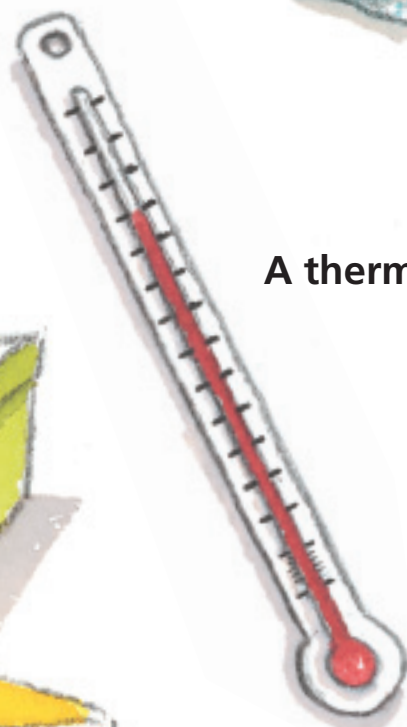
Emma and her brother are busy getting the terrarium ready. They need:

A fine layer of litter for the floor (they may also use paper towels)



A couple of hiding places for the gecko

A thermometer

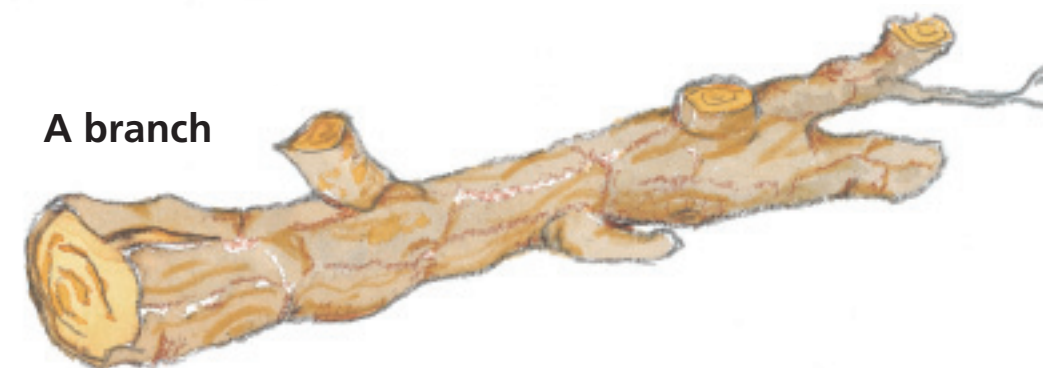


a good house

Plastic plants



A branch



The lid from a jam or jelly jar (it will be a water bowl)



Mom helps them attach a light bulb to the terrarium to keep it warm.